

Federal Acquisition Regulation

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is published in the CBD, the contracting officer may reduce this time period to as few as 10 days.

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5.204 Presolicitation notices.

Contracting officers shall publicize presolicitation notices in the CBD (see 15.201 and 36.213-2). Synopsizing is still required prior to issuance of any resulting solicitation (see 5.201 and 5.203).

[50 FR 1729, Jan. 11, 1985 and 50 FR 52429, Dec. 23, 1985; 62 FR 271, Jan. 2, 1997; 62 FR 51270, Sept. 30, 1997]

5.205 Special situations.

(a) *Research and development (R&D) advance notice.* Contracting officers may publish in the CBD, advance notices of their interest in potential R&D programs whenever existing solicitation mailing lists do not include a sufficient number of concerns to obtain adequate competition. Advance notices shall not be used where security considerations prohibit such publication. Advance notices will enable potential sources to learn of R&D programs and provide their sources with an opportunity to submit information which will permit evaluation of their R&D capabilities. Potential sources which respond to advance notices shall be added to the appropriate solicitation mailing list for subsequent solicitation. Advance notices shall be titled "Research and Development Sources Sought," cite the appropriate Numbered Note, and include the name and telephone number of the contracting officer or other contracting activity official from whom technical details of the project can be obtained. This will enable sources to submit information for evaluation of their R&D capabilities. Contracting officers shall synopsize all subsequent solicitations for R&D contracts, including those resulting from a previously synopsized advance notice, unless one of the exceptions in 5.202 applies.

(b) *Federally Funded Research and Development Centers.* Before establishing a Federally Funded Research and Devel-

opment Center (FFRDC) (see part 35) or before changing its basic purpose and mission, the sponsor shall place at least three notices over a 90-day period in the Commerce Business Daily and the FEDERAL REGISTER, indicating the agency's intention to sponsor an FFRDC or change the basic purpose and mission of an FFRDC. The notice shall indicate the scope and nature of the effort to be performed and request comments. Notice is not required where action is required by law.

(c) *Special notices.* Contracting officers may publish in the CBD special notices of procurement matters such as business fairs, long-range procurement estimates, pre-bid/pre-proposal conferences, meetings, and the availability of draft solicitations or draft specifications for review. Special notices shall be transmitted to the CBD in accordance with 5.207.

(d) *Architect-engineering services.* Contracting officers shall publish notices of intent to contract for architect-engineering services as follows:

(1) Except when exempted by 5.202, contracting officers shall synopsize each proposed contract action for which the total fee (including phases and options) is expected to exceed \$25,000. Reference shall be made to the appropriate CBD Numbered Note.

(2) When the total fee is expected to exceed \$10,000 but not exceed \$25,000, the contracting officer shall comply with 5.101(a)(2). When the proposed contract action is not required to be synopsized under subparagraph (d)(1) of this section, the contracting officer shall display a notice of the solicitation or a copy of the solicitation in a public place at the contracting office. Other optional publicizing methods are authorized in accordance with 5.101(b).

(e) *Effort to locate commercial sources under OMB Circular A-76.* When determining the availability of commercial sources under the procedures prescribed in subpart 7.3 and OMB Circular A-76, the contracting officer shall not arrive at a conclusion that there are no commercial sources capable of providing the required supplies or services until publicizing the requirement in the CBD at least three times in a 90 calendar-day period, with a minimum of 30 calendar days between each. When